

Neil McMillan's Foursome Grand Challenge Winner In Irma Farmers' Bonspiel

During some of the worst weather within the memory of living or dead men, eighty-eight hard-bitten, and perhaps frost-bitten, sons, daughters and children of the soil curled through three days of the farmers' bonspiel. Never in the history of Irma sport, did so many come so far to curl so much in such weather. We can only conclude that the farmer members of our community are sustained by the noble and indomitable spirit of pioneer forefathers. Or was it Christmas turkey?

Whatever the explanation may be, the number of rinks entered and the good sportsmanship evident throughout, indicates that the future of the roaring game in this community is secure. So smoothly did the event run that the Farmers' Bonspiel Committee were heard bemoaning the lack of any call on their great conciliatory powers. They were left with little to do but sip. Coffee which was served by the Ladies' Curling Club.

If one rink drew any large share of the attention, it was that composed of Father Fischer, Mother Fischer, and the two little Fischers. This is no fairy tale, but rather a tale which illustrates one of the most commendable features of curling, namely, its suitability for both sexes, and all members of the family. This foursome, ably supported in the waiting-room by still more junior Fischers, came up through the main event with rocks sailing and brooms flying. Then in a final burst of great good-neghborliness, handed the first prize McFarland sweaters to Neil McMillan's rink. They, themselves, went home with four succulent Co-op hams, thereby assuring that the northeast section of the district will be both clothed and fed.

Continuing in this vein, we may say that Edgar Jones' winning of the third prize, which was donated by Overt Lovig, will keep the Albert district well oiled, while the Imperial Lumber Pyrex won by Merle Knudson will ensure at least a half-baked condition to the south-west.

In the secondary event, Harry Riley's rink won the car fans, so appropriately donated by Wilf Symington. Mr. Riley, the winner of many prizes, usually responds to the presentation with a burst of fluent oratory, but this time, for some unknown reason, had disappeared, leaving the speech-making to his poor toothless third. We note with pleasure a change in Mr. Riley's status since a year ago, when he won a silver cream and

sugar set, but there is a slight suspicion that this change may have had an adverse effect on his speech-making ability.

Mr. Riley had beaten Jack McKay in a hard-fought game which was tied at least three times, and the second prize which was donated by Kirkman and McLean, is now keeping the doctor from the McKay door.

Very fittingly, Carl Anquist's donation of flashlights was won by the Bill Lawson rink. The fourth prize, chocolates from Fricke's, went in the same general direction, being won by the Burton rink. Significantly, we feel, Mr. Lawson immediately left the district. Unkind critics have hinted that this well-known gentleman has an aversion to sweetness and light, when the two are in combination.

The Curling Club sincerely thank all those who took part in the bonspiel, all those who donated the generous prizes, the Ladies' Curling Club who served lunch at all hours, and the editor of the paper, who prints this, if she prints this.

Please note that the secretary of the Curling Club will remain unavailable for comment for some time, but wishes to announce that the Ladies' Curling Club, during the present season, intend to serve lunch at all bonspiels, and with the dimes so netted, to have the exterior of our rink changed from its present drab, colorless, depressing, and mottled dirt-gray to a more inspiring color. The support of all members and their wives is solicited. In fact, donations of pies, doughnuts, cream-puffs and other delicacies will be enthusiastically accepted.

Epilogue: The editor asked for this:

(Ye local editor, still suffering from shell shock, only stammered, "I didn't know the Gunn was Loaded!")

Personnel of winning rinks were as follows:

Grand Challenge: N. McMillan, R. Burton, J. Dunbar, Mrs. McMillan, George Fischer, Mrs. Fischer, Ken Fischer, Don Fischer; Edgar Jones, Alan Larson, Albert Jones, Erling Larson; Merle Knudson, H. Fuder, P. Spring, O. Spring.

Second Event: H. Riley, C. Savard, R. O. Larson, J. Savard; McKay, Alex Smallwood, Ted Hill, Fred Hill, W. Lawson, M. Younker, C. Younker, Miss H. Younker; Joe Burton, Ted Thurston, J. Craig, Don Burton.

with the Provincial Government. This must be done before Feb. 1.

The District Agriculturist has sanctioned the formation of the club and he has promised to help in any way that he can.

Irma folk have greatly enjoyed the work of the Curl Club here. A Junior Grain Club will surely be as interesting and as beneficial.

NOTICE
Preparation of Assessment Roll 1950

MD of Wainwright No. 51

Notice is hereby given that the assessment of the previous year has been adopted under the provisions of The Assessment Act, and that the assessment roll of the said municipality has been duly prepared, and that if any person thinks that any property has been wrongfully assessed, or assessed too high, or too low, or that his name or the name of any other person has been wrongfully entered upon or omitted from the roll, he may at any time prior to the 17th day of January, 1950, notify the secretary-treasurer in writing of the particulars and grounds of his complaint.

Dated at Wainwright, this 31st day of December, 1949.
Chas. Wilbraham, Sec.-Treas.

Curling Schedule

January 13
7 p.m.—Mrs. Sather vs Milne; McMillan vs Hardy.

January 14
7 p.m.—Knudson vs High School; Mrs. Smallwood vs Riley.

9 p.m.—Kirkman vs Jones; Brown vs Younker.

January 16
7 p.m.—Mrs. Anquist vs C. Milne; Smallwood vs Black.

9 p.m.—Fricke's vs Hardy; Knowles vs Mrs. Sather.

January 17
8 p.m.—Brown vs Riley; Knudson vs Younker.

January 18
7 p.m.—High School vs Black; Smallwood vs Mrs. Smallwood.

9 p.m.—Kirkman vs McMillan; Knowles vs Jones.

Battle River W.I. Program

Place of Meeting and Hostesses
January — Mrs. Ralph King;
Mrs. Ralph King, Mrs. A. Bacon.

February — Mrs. Sanders; Mrs. Savard; Mrs. Steele.

March — Mrs. Enger; Mrs. Elliott; Mrs. Sanders.

April — Mrs. Dempsey; Mrs. Enger; Mrs. Dempsey.

May — Mrs. Barton; Mrs. Cook; Mrs. Dootson.

June — Mrs. Stougaard; Mrs. Pascha; Mrs. Patterson.

February—Valentine Exchange.
March — Embarrassing Moments.

April—Guess size of your right hand shoe.

March—Baking hint.
June—Most useful article in my kitchen.

Draw
January—Mrs. McFarland.
February—Mrs. Alf Bacon.

March—Mrs. Fenton.
April—Mrs. Morse.

May—Mrs. Elliott.
June—Mrs. King.

Program
February—Mrs. Enger.
March—Mrs. Steele.

April—Mrs. Patterson.
May—Mrs. Savard.

June—Mrs. Pascha.

Rink Personnel

The Irma Curling Club consists of three ladies rinks and fourteen men's. The personnel is as follows:

Ladies' Rinks
Mrs. Sather, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Pond, Marney Kennedy.

Mrs. Smallwood, Mrs. Soneff, Mrs. R. McFarland Sr., Mrs. R. McFarland Jr.

Mrs. Anquist, Mrs. S. Fenton, Miss C. Milne, Mrs. A. Darkes.

Men's Rinks
D. Simmermon, D. Hockett, S. Pierce, Norma Gultner.

C. Milne, E. Prosser, D. Gunn, Ted Hill.

C. Smallwood, V. Torrance, N. McLaughlin, C. Soneff Sr.

I. Hardy, J. Bars, L. Bars, H. Bars.

M. Younker, C. Younker, F. Younker, Hazel Younker.

R. B. Kirkman, S. Fenton, S. Hlynka, A. Cairns.

S. Brown, R. McFarland, W. Enger, N. Bozak.

H. Black, S. Savard, E. Sharkey, R. Larson.

M. Knudson, P. Spring, H. Fuder, O. Spring.

N. McMillan, Geo. Fischer, Mrs. G. Fischer, Mrs. N. McMillan.

S. Knowles, I. Bolger, A. Firkus, R. Dempsey.

W. Fricke's, C. Anquist, A. C. Archibald, E. Blanchard.

C. Jones, R. Ramsay, W. Symington, G. Jones.

H. Riley, S. Reeds, O. Nissen, Mrs. H. Riley.



Courtesy Edmonton Journal

SONEFF — HICKEY

Photographed shortly after their marriage in St. Joseph's Cathedral one morning recently are Mr. and Mrs. James Soneff, Jr. The bride is the former Miss Jessie Theresa Hickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hickey of Edson, and her husband, who is a 1948 graduate of education from the University of Alberta, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Soneff of Irma. The newlyweds are at home at Barrhead after a wedding trip to Calgary.

Easterly Echoes

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holt and Mr. David Holt of Edmonton spent Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Holt.

Miss Margaret Steele of Wainwright spent Christmas and New Year's at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Walker and baby son Gary of Calgary, were Christmas Day visitors at the former's sister, Mrs. Clarke Steele.

Scarlet Fever has struck again with two more cases in the district.

Because of the cold weather the attendance at the Battle River W.I. meeting held at Mrs. R. King's was smaller than before but was much enjoyed by the lucky ones there. Mrs. McFarland won the raffle but re-donated it and Mrs. W. Sanders was the winner. It was decided to have the draw for the doll at the next club dance.

The dance to be held at Crescent Hill school on January 20 with a Wainwright orchestra in attendance. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen McFarland attended the funeral in Hardisty of Allen's grandfather, Mr. James Bunn of Viking recently. Mr. Bunn would have been one hundred years of age on January 13.

T.B. FUND STILL SHORT \$25,500

Christmas Seal fund books will be kept open for another few weeks, it is announced by C. Robt. Dickey, general secretary of the Alberta Tuberculosis Association. Provincial receipts are now only \$25,500 from the goal of \$155,000, and 1950 plans for expansion of X-ray services through Mobile Units and Hospital X-rays make it essential to reach the goal.

Edmonton and Northern Alberta Seal sale receipts are now \$54,800 toward an objective of \$65,000, as reported by George Lord, chairman of the Kinsella Club Christmas Seal Committee. Only \$10,200 is needed to bring this district up to the amount required. All the many services of the Association are available to all residents, and all parts of the province should support its efforts equally according to Mr. Lord.

Other anti-T.B. work financed by Christmas Seals includes vocational training and rehabilitation of ex-patients, occupational therapy in the hospitals, professional and lay education, nursing, social and other welfare services, research, etc.

Christmas Seal contributions are allowable income tax deductions and may be sent to the Kinsella Club Christmas Seal Office, Heintzman Hall, Edmonton.

Church News

UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

January 15

Sunday School—11 a.m.

Come with your children and attend the Bible Class.

Worship service—7:30 p.m.

Job. 23:10 He knoweth the way that I take. When He hath tried me I shall come forth like gold.

Minister Rev. H. W. Inglis

ALLIANCE TABERNACLE

Sunday, January 15

10:45—Sunday School

11:45—Morning Worship Service.

Wednesday

8 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study.

We welcome you to our services. Come and bring a friend.

Pastor, Geo. E. Warnock.

"As for God, His way is perfect. 2 Sam. 22:31a.

"He maketh my way perfect."

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Service of Evensong will be held in St. Mary's church on Sunday, January 15 at 2 p.m.

The Right Rev. W. F. Barfoot Bishop of Edmonton, will be with us for this service to dedicate the Church furnishings. You are cordially invited to attend this service. Kindly note change of time.

AVONGLEN GOSPEL MISSION

Services for January 15 to 21

Sunday

11 a.m.—Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

Tuesday, January 17—The regular Bible Study and Prayer Service will give place to the "Youth for Christ" meeting to be held in the IOOF Hall, Wainwright, at 8:00 p.m. with Rev. Geo. Robinson, speaker and Howard Corrie, co-speaker.

Wednesday, January 18—The regular Bible Study and Prayer Service will give place to the "Youth for Christ" meeting to be held in the IOOF Hall, Wainwright, at 8:00 p.m. with Rev. Geo. Robinson, speaker and Howard Corrie, co-speaker.

Thursday, January 19—The regular Bible Study and Prayer Service will give place to the "Youth for Christ" meeting to be held in the IOOF Hall, Wainwright, at 8:00 p.m. with Rev. Geo. Robinson, speaker and Howard Corrie, co-speaker.

Friday, January 20—The regular Bible Study and Prayer Service will give place to the "Youth for Christ" meeting to be held in the IOOF Hall, Wainwright, at 8:00 p.m. with Rev. Geo. Robinson, speaker and Howard Corrie, co-speaker.

Saturday, January 21—The regular Bible Study and Prayer Service will give place to the "Youth for Christ" meeting to be held in the IOOF Hall, Wainwright, at 8:00 p.m. with Rev. Geo. Robinson, speaker and Howard Corrie, co-speaker.

"Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Col. 4:2.

"God does not count our prayers; He weighs them."

You are cordially invited to every service. Rev. R. E. Oswald.

Further Donations

The following names should be included in the obituaries published last week.

In memory of Mr. Petrus Sellstedt, flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Erling Larson.

To the W.I. Cemetery Fund: Mr. and Mrs. N. Fluevog.

To the Protestant Home for Children: Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson.

To the Irma United Church: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knudson.

In memory of Mr. J. J. Hines to the W.I. Cemetery Fund: Mr. and Mrs. R. Rohrer.

Further donations in memory of Mr. W. E. Walker: to the United Church Building Fund: Mr. and Mrs. I. Bolger, Pon. Tuong, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pond and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knudson.

To the Alberta Protestant Home for Children: Mr. and Mrs. W. Masson; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guibras; Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson; Irma L.O.B.A.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Dempsey.

Kinsella and District News Items

We are sorry to report the passing of Mr. R. Stevens on Saturday evening, January 7. The sympathy of the community is sent to Mrs. Stevens and family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Whidden on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mark left on Wednesday to spend the remainder of the winter in Zeballos, B.C., with the daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. L. Witten.

Mr. J. P. Murray spent a few days in Edmonton last week.

Miss Lillian Lovesseth spent the week-end with her parents north of Viking.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brooks of Czar were visitors to Kinsella last week.

Northern Nuggets

Last Tuesday evening there was a party at Albert School. It was held in honor of Donald Ramsay before he rejoins the Royal Navy after his holiday with his folks.

A goodly number of the men of the district are busy working at the Army Camp at Wainwright.

The January meeting of the Buffalo Coulee W.I. will be held on Thursday, January 19 at the home of Mrs. L. H. Bars. The hostesses are Mrs. Bars, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. L. Larson. The roll call is to be a donation of wool.

VIKING HAS HOCKEY TEAM BUT NO OPPOSITION

The Viking Junior hockey team would like to play hockey. They have a team 21-and-under, and any team wishing a game are asked to phone the Viking News Office, Viking.

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For appointments see

MR. FRICKELTON

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AT VIKING DRUG

January 24

For Appointments see

MR. STILES

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January 26

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Irma to Have Junior Grain Club

We are informed by Mr. Ole Nissen, our new Pool agent, that he would like to organize a Junior Grain Club in the Irma district. He was Club leader for the McLaughlin Junior Grain Club for six years before coming here.

This should be a good time to start a Thatcher Club in view of the fact that Red Bobs wheat will be graded down to No. 3 starting 1951. Each club member gets 4 bushels of registered Thatcher wheat for \$5 dollars, the balance of the cost of the seed is paid by Alberta Wheat Pool to encourage Junior Grain Club work.

Any farm boy or girl in this district is eligible if they are between 12 and 21 years of age, but only one lot of seed can be allotted to each family.

Anyone interested should see Mr. Nissen or write him a letter and then plan on coming to a meeting at the Pool elevator office on Saturday, January 28, at 2:30 p.m. so that the club can be organized and properly chartered

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

THE CARDBOARD LOVER

By ESTHER V. ROBBINS

"WHATSOEVER has come over you?" her mother asked in the tone Mary recognized as the one she used when her patience was being tried unreasonably.

"It's actually shameful," Mrs. Edmond said, pushing the untouched toast closer to Mary's plate, "the way you've been treating Johnnie lately. Last night you scarcely made an effort to be civil. You and I had so hoped..."

"I feel fine, Mom," Mary smiled, then kissed her mother. She hurried into the hall, scooped up her hat and flung open the front door, calling out, "See you tonight!"

Soon the commuters would be gathering at the arcade to take the downtown street cars. Mary reached the corner, turned south across the boulevard and almost ran the

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Maybe Fortune Had Smiled Upon Her?

A west street car came along just then. But only a faded young woman was getting off. She carried a baby in her arms and two small, messy children tugged at her skirts. Mary had often noticed these young mothers who seemed to have been overwhelmed by life and to have given up caring how they or their children looked, and she wondered about their husbands.

She watched the woman struggle across the street. Just then the oldest child, a little girl of about five, began to cry. "But, Mummy, I don't want my picture book!" she whimper-

The woman's lips grew tighter. "If you start acting up, Jane, it'll just be the last straw!" Mary thought she was close to crying herself.

They reached Derringer's, but the woman seemed to have trouble managing the door. Mary hurried forward. "Let me help," she said.

A grateful little smile touched the young woman's lips. "Would you please?"

Mary held the door, then followed them inside, hoping to be of help. She wondered why the woman's hand hadn't come along to help manage the children.

Mr. Derringer came forward. "Here you are, Mrs. Plunkett!"

"Yes, Mary thought, her husband would have a name like that. She glimpsed someone lounging in a comfortable chair behind Mr. Derringer. A hat was tipped jauntily over one eye so that his face was in the shadow, but there was something about the jawline...

Just then he pushed back his hat. Mary's hands flew to her mouth to hold back the cry that rose in her throat. It was he! The one for her, the one she could adore. The young man was standing up.

He was moving slowly toward her. She began to tremble. She wondered if she were dreaming. Did he recognize her as the one he too had waited and hoped for? He was more handsome than his picture had shown him to be. Tall and faultlessly groomed. He came close to her. He put out his arms. But he went right by Mary.

She whirled. The faded young woman was holding out the baby. "Do you mind holding him, Joe dear?" she asked apologetically. "I'm so glad you decided to meet me."

Mary did not wait to hear the young man's reply. She caught him out of the shop, her thoughts caught in a whirlwind.

"Why, Mary! What's all the fuss? Aren't you going to wait for me?" It was Edith, and the two girls all but collided.

Mary leaned against the plate glass window, she stared at the picture that stood in the centre, dominated by the others. At last she turned and now she looked different somehow. Even her voice, when she spoke, had a new depth. "No, I can't wait, Edith. I have to get home in time to ask Mom to make a chocolate cake for dinner. You see, chocolate cake is Johnnie's favorite dessert!"

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I TELL MORE CREDIT BONDS THAT WIN!

PUR MORE FORTUNATE INTO YOUR FUTURE!

YEAH!

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Prairie Conveyance

This snow plane was all hand made except the propeller by Gordon and Blake Cooke. It was built last winter from an old airplane frame. The snow was so deep that the boys had several calls to help the police, the mail man, also in chasing coyotes.

Western Briefs

Dog's Life EDMONTON, Ont. — It's a dog's life for Frank Hinchberger's 11-year-old pooch. Hauled into police court, the dog was sentenced to death for killing 23 chickens. Mr. Hinchberger was fined \$10 and costs.

Force Men Out Of Work PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. — An ice jam forced 250 men out of work here and caused damage estimated at \$20,000. The jam, which forced the Nechako river over its banks, cut off power from a shingle mill and put at least an estimated \$10,000 of lumber in the mill yard.

Catch Them First VICTORIA, B.C. — Part of British Columbia's \$620,000 program for improvement of her fish and game resources is a moose-tagging plan. Once the tags are attached, scientists will know how far the moose travel and other data about their private lives.

To Drill More Wells EDMONTON — Twenty more wells will be drilled in Lloydminster. Oil field in the New Year under plans of C. H. Withers Drilling Contractors Ltd., C. H. Withers, president, said. During 1949, 20 wells were drilled in Lloydminster and Malone area. Of them, all except two were producers.

Pupils Pay Half SEDGWICK, Alta. — A movie projector for the Strome school and a radio for Quarrel rural school have been approved by the Killam school division board. But to promote a sense of responsibility on the part of the pupils, they must pay half the net cost of the equipment.

Ski Paradise COQUITLAM, B.C. — A 20-acre ski slope at Squamish, B.C., named only 25 minutes from Vancouver, is being planned by Coquitlam. Ten feet of snow covered the mountain at 2,500 feet last May, and a straight 2½-mile run will descend from the proposed village.

Receives Large Order VANCOUVER — The United Kingdom is placing an order for 80,000 board feet of timber in British Columbia, it was reported. The order is worth \$6,000,000 to the industry.

SELECTED RECIPES

BREADED SALMON STEAKS BAKED

Two pounds salmon steaks
1 tablespoon salt
1 cup milk
2 cups fine toasted bread crumbs
4 tablespoons melted shortening

Add the salt to the milk and stir until dissolved. Dip the fish into the salted milk and then in crumbs. (Use the left hand for dipping and the right hand for rolling in crumbs.) Arrange on a shallow oiled baking sheet and sprinkle each piece sparingly with melted shortening. Bake in a 375 deg. F. oven for 20 minutes. Serve with tartar sauce.

POTATO SOUP

2 cups mashed potatoes
2 slices onion
1 teaspoon chopped parsley
1 quart milk
2 teaspoons butter
2 tablespoons flour

Salt and pepper
Add milk slowly to potatoes. Melt butter. Add flour, and slowly pour hot milk over the bubbling mixture. Stir constantly. Boil one minute. Add parsley, salt and pepper.

MORE CORN CANNED

OTTAWA — The commercial pack of canned corn in Canada increased to more than 9,040,000 dozen cans in 1949, compared with 5,474,185 in 1948, the bureau of statistics reports.

Royal Bank's Figures Set New Record For Canadian Banking

New records in the field of Canadian banking have been established in the annual financial statement of The Royal Bank of Canada, just issued. Covering the 12 months period ending November 30th, the statement shows total assets have again increased, by well over \$12,000,000 to reach \$2,324,985,354, the highest in Canadian banking history.

Since 1941 the assets of The Royal Bank of Canada have more than doubled, an indication of this bank's participation in the remarkable business and industrial expansion which has taken place in Canada in recent years. Deposits, which now total \$2,192,140,978, show an increase of \$124,000,000 over the figures of the previous balance sheet. They have reached the highest level ever attained by any Canadian bank.

Indicative of the scale of public saving is the steady increase in the Royal Bank's interest-bearing deposits, which have risen to \$1,060,132,600, the highest level in the history of the bank. The bank's interest-bearing deposits are now over two and a half times the 1941 figure.

The steady upward trend of commercial loans in Canada, which began in 1945, has continued, the figure under this heading having reached a total of \$471,433,338. Call loans have also increased from \$56,534,207 to \$69,097,850.

The liquid position of the bank is, as usual, very strong. Liquid assets are substantially higher than a year ago and now stand at \$1,677,489,485, which is equal to 75.27 per cent. of the bank's liabilities to the public. Included in the bank's liquid assets are Dominion and Provincial securities totalling \$897,359,571, an increase of \$130,424,152 as compared with the figures in the 1948 balance sheet.

Bank Premises Account has increased from \$15,700,000 to \$15,967, as a result of new branch openings in districts requiring additional banking service, plus an extensive programme of improvements and extensions to existing branches undertaken during the year for the better accommodation of the bank's steadily increasing clientele and the resulting greater volume of business.

Profits are higher. After the usual deductions for Staff Pension Fund and Contingency Reserves, profits amounted to \$10,915,243 as compared with \$9,517,452 in the previous year. Of this amount \$4,453,000 was set aside for Dominion and Provincial taxes, an increase of \$1,285,000 over the figures for 1948. In addition \$695,721 was set aside for depreciation of bank premises. After the above deductions the net profit was \$5,827,521. This compares with \$5,558,545 in 1948. Out of net profit, \$3,600,000 was paid in dividends and \$2,327,521 carried forward, resulting in a balance of \$3,860,313 in Profit and Loss Account.

CANADA'S HIGHEST The highest peak in the Canadian Rocky Mountains is Mt. Logan, 19,539 feet high.

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Sask. Plans Full-Scale Oil Development

REGINA — Saskatchewan can expect a full-scale oil development program next spring; 40 per cent. of the province's area now is under permit to 57 oil companies.

A total of 65,456,719 acres of Saskatchewan land now is involved. Of this total, 36,446,410 acres are out under crown geophysical permits. There are 869,920 acres under drilling or sub-surface permits.

The crown reserve of permits let amounts to 9,038,304 acres; and there are 20,000,000 acres of freehold land, the bulk of which major oil companies and independents have taken up.

After months of trades, deals and readjustments this summer, 57 companies and independents now hold 267 crown permits; 27 groups hold 229 crown geological or physical permits; and 19 groups hold 28 drilling or sub-surface permits.

Between Aug. 1 and Oct. 1 alone, the oil and natural gas permit picture in Saskatchewan changed to the extent of 3,639,603 acres. New companies entering the play have taken out 2,435,923 acres. Others added 1,203,680 acres to their holdings.

During the same period roughly 945,000 acres were returned to the crown and added to the crown acreage already under application.

Alberta Government To Wipe Out Coyotes

EDMONTON — Most popular sport in rural Alberta in recent months—hunting coyotes—is to receive active support soon from the Provincial Government.

Agriculture Minister David Ure said, the government plans to hire two airplanes next month for coyote hunting. They will be manned by expert hunters.

With the coyote population increasing by leaps and bounds, farmers and ranchers have taken matters in their own hands to protect domestic animals and fowl from the marauding predators. Chief targets of the hungry North American prairie bandits have been sheep, chickens and turkeys.

All over Alberta many coyote hunts have been organized with up to 100 participating. Some hunters have bagged as many as 40 coyotes in a day.

In the past, coyote hunters toured infested areas using hounds to track down and kill the animals. Alberta formerly offered a bounty on coyotes but withdrew it this year when it was considered ineffective.

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Says Sneeze is Nature's Germ Killer

LONDON (CP)—Never backfire a sneeze—let it rip.

That is the advice of 80-year-old Dr. Octavia Lewin, formerly medical consultant to the London County Council, now one of London's oldest women doctors.

All her life this kind, but peppery old lady has preached the virtues of nose hygiene and the science of the handkerchief.

"The sneeze is nature's way of blasting away germs, yet every day you see silly fools stifling their sneezes in pocket handkerchiefs. That is not the way to use your handkerchief."

Dr. Lewin is equally vehement about the proper use of what she calls "nature's dustbin" — the nose.

Proper Breathing
"The entire British Army has been brought up to breathe wrongly. They breathe in through the nose and out again through the mouth."

"That is all wrong. It should be through the nose both ways. Napoleon had the right idea. When his men were on the march they had to hold a leaf between their lips so that no whiff of air could get in or out."

At Battersea Barracks men still talk of the time Dr. Lewin inspected the Queen's Cadets for physical fitness.

The purple-faced sergeant-major had just shouted "Shut" to the cadets when Dr. Lewin stepped up to him and said: "Young man, your collar is too tight."

Favors Loose Collars
"A tight collar is a menace," she says. "It creates the need for more air than can be got through the nose, hence the mouth is forced open. You don't find the great people in the land wearing tight collars."

Pointing to a picture of a group of Birthday Honors recipients, Dr. Lewin said: "Look at this—men who have done something. All have their mouths shut."

"But look at the gapers in glasses you see walking along the streets—99 per cent of these mouth breathers have enlarged tonsils and adenoids and poor eyesight."

"No wonder the medical profession is critical of my methods. They get a large portion of their income from stopped-up noses."

Dr. Lewin is angry because the London County Council has discontinued the handkerchief drill she introduced in London schools some years ago.

"Large sums of money are spent by our glorious government on ears and eyes, but rhinology is the unknown and neglected part of biology. It is criminal," she declares.

Chemical Control Of Quack Grass

The weed killer TCA (trichloroacetate) provides an excellent means of eradicating quack grass in and around fence lines, and it will be used to some extent in Alberta this year to control small patches of this weed in a variety of places. However, G. R. Sterling, Supervisor of Soil Conservation and Weed Control, Alberta Department of Agriculture, is doubtful of its value for large scale operations at the present time. At a price of 60c per pound, the cost to eradicate quack grass with TCA is around \$80.00 per acre. Quack grass can be controlled much more cheaply by cultural methods. The crops too will be better following cultural eradication of quack grass than when the chemical is used.

The main advantage of TCA is that it does not sterilize the soil for more than about 90 days. This is a comparatively short period as compared with the effects of Sodium Chlorate. Unlike Sodium Chlorate, TCA is not flammable, but since it will irritate the skin if it comes in direct contact, it must be used with a certain amount of caution.

Locals

Although the new school has not been officially opened, the children belonging to two junior rooms have already moved in.

Mr. Jas. Pond is a business visitor in Edmonton this week.

A benefit dance will be held January 13 for Mrs. E. Murphy who lost her Coffee Shop and contents by fire recently. Sandwiches and coffee served.

Mrs. Harvey Halverson has recently undergone an operation in an Edmonton hospital. Her many friends here wish her a speedy recovery.

Jack McKay has obtained employment at the Wainwright Army Camp.

Mr. Dick Dawson is now caretaker of the curling rink, as well as the skating rink. This keeps Dick pretty busy but he is going at his new duties in a very business-like way.

The Right Rev. W. F. Barfoot, Bishop of Edmonton, will be in Irma on January 15 in order to dedicate the church furnishings at St. Mary's Anglican Church. The service on this particular Sunday will be held at 2 p.m.

A rink composed of Messrs. J. McKay, D. McKay, Alex Smallwood and K. Gulbraa is competing in the open bonspiel being held at Hardisty this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whidden of Jarow at the Wainwright hospital, Dec. 31, a son.

Mrs. R. D. Allen has returned to Lamont after visiting with friends and relatives here.

We are sorry to report that Mr. H. L. Black is a patient in the Wainwright hospital. Mr. Black, like a good number of our citizens, he had a severe case of flu and an infected throat. However, he is on the mend now and will soon be back in Irma.

Provincial Cream Competition

Prizes provided by the United Grain Growers' Limited and the Alberta Dairymen's Association (Producers section) will be awarded to winners in the Provincial Cream competition to be held previous to the Annual Dairy Convention. Entries for the competition must arrive in Edmonton by 9 a.m., Friday, January 27. Shipments that arrive a day or so early will be placed in cold storage until judging.

The Provincial Cream Competition, open to all cream shippers in Alberta, provides an excellent opportunity to show ability in production of a sweet, clean, high quality product. Competitors may submit either a 5 or 3 gallon can of cream with a minimum of 30 pounds. Full particulars of the competition together with details of shipment and method of scoring can be had from local creameries.

Canadian labour income was \$5,664,000,000 for the first nine months of 1949, an increase of eight per cent over the same period in 1948.

It costs \$100,000 to drill and equip an oil well for production at Alberta's Leduc oil field.

Canada's first telephone exchange was opened in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1878.

BYNG WHITECKER



Byng Whitecker, CBC announcer, special events reporter, news reader and interviewer, rates as a veteran of general announcing duties. Recently, he has been branching out as a producer, being responsible for the current Dominion network show on Wednesday's My Lady's Name; and the Byng Whitecker Show on the Trans-Canada network on Saturdays.

Want Ads

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FOR SALE—Weaner pigs 7 wks. old. P. Nemo. 13p

FOR SALE—Wheat and oat straw. New land. F.W. Adamson, Irma, 1½ miles west of Ross school. 13p

Kiefer's Shows

Friday, January 13 (Adult)
"Iron Curtain"
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Friday, January 20 Family
"Melody Time"
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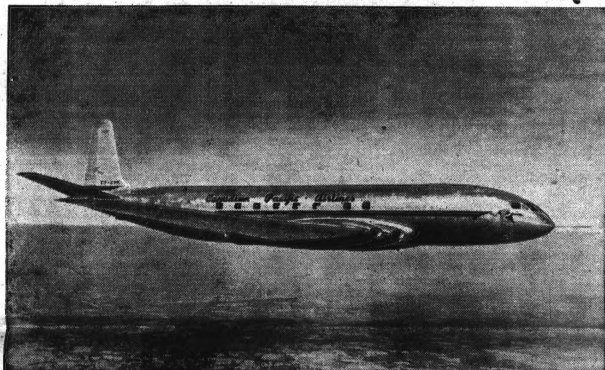
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CPA ORDERS HUGE JET PLANES: Canadian Pacific Air Lines have ordered two 500-mile-an-hour de Havilland Comet jet-propelled air liners, pictured above for service from Vancouver to Tokyo and Hong Kong. The jet planes, first to be delivered in 1952, it is announced by G. W. G. McConachie, president of CPA. Powered by four de Havilland Ghost jet engines, the plane cruises at an altitude of 40,000 feet, almost eight miles, and will be able to carry 48 passengers from Vancouver to Tokyo, 4,700 miles, in 10 hours, with two stops for refuelling.

F.A. TEAM TO TOUR CANADA

The Football Association are to send a team to play 10 matches in Canada next year. They will leave for Canada soon after the end of the season in England—around the end of April, 1950—and will probably return somewhere about the beginning of July. The team's itinerary and final details will be discussed when the Director of the Canadian Football Association visits England some time in November and of April, 1950—and will probably return somewhere about the beginning of July.

Viking Items

Good crowds attended the fourth annual party given by the Movie Division of the Chamber of Commerce, on Monday, with a show for the kiddies in the afternoon and one for the adults in the evening. Mr. Ken Hilliker, manager, in a short talk, told of the success of the movie division, which was due to the generous patronage of the public and the general high class pictures shown. Some new cushioned seats are being added from time to time. Net receipts from profits of operation will go towards community enterprises, and it is also the intention to make the Viking Theatre one of the best in northern Alberta. A party is held annually when handsome prizes are given to patrons in appreciation of the generous support.

The Camrose Lutheran Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 3:30 p.m., when beneath an arch of pink and white streamers, roses and white bells and blue lighted Christmas trees on either side, Miss Evelyn Haukedal, only daughter of Mrs. Martin Johnson of New Norway, became the bride of Mr. Herman Hafso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sivert Hafso of Viking. Rev. Grundahl performed the ceremony.

Under the leadership of Lloyd McIntyre, Viking Curling Club is being represented at the High River \$5,000 Bonspiel already in progress this week. With Lloyd are Bob Thunell, Lumir Dobry, and "Stub" Trueman.

G. M. McFadyen was up from Wainwright on Sunday visiting his friend Geo. A. Loades.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy Jr., drove over from Camrose and spent the yuletide holidays at home.

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